

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them..." Matthew 18:20

In Old Testament times, God communicated with His people through His Written Word (example: 10 Commandments) and then used the Law to speak to His people. God communicated with His people through dreams, angels, prophets, circumstances, and even by direct revelation.

In the New Testament, God continued to speak through angels, dreams, prophets, and circumstances. Most importantly God spoke to His people through the birth and life of Jesus the Christ. God spoke through the apostles and the gift of His Holy Spirit. In addition, God spoke through other people.

Over the next several weeks we will explore the following questions as we gather as church family for Sunday morning worship:

- Does God still communicate or speak to His people today in 2011?
- If so, how does that happen and why would God Speak to us?
- What might be some hindrances that prevent us from hearing the Lord or recognizing His Presence?
- Does spiritual mind-set have anything to do with communicating with God?
- How do congregations discern God's desires?
- Does God speak through the church? If so, what is our responsibility?

The Lord says, "My thoughts are not like your thoughts. Your ways are not like my ways. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts..." Isaiah 55:8-9

God's Continued Blessings of Peace and Joy.

Pastor Linda




*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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# SEPTEMBER 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Rev. Bobbie Yellott	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7	8 <b>Church Rummage Sale</b>	9	10
11	12	13 Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m.	14	15	16	17
18 Mark III	19	20	21	22	23	24  FREE LITE LUNCH SATURDAY
25 Mark IV	26	27	28	29	30	

## Scripture for September:

Week One: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Week Two: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Week Three: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Week Four: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

## Schedule of Events

- **September 4** - Bread Sunday
- **September 5** - Labor Day Office Closed - CWF Set up for Rummage Sale
- **September 6** - CWF Price for Rummage Sale
- **September 8, 9** - Rummage Sale
- **September 11** - A Service of Prayer and Remembrance - In observance of the 10 Year Anniversary of 9/11.
- **September 24** - Celebrating God's Love Through Mission and Fellowship

### UPCOMING BIBLE SHARING SESSION

Diving into the Gospel of Mark

Final Two in-depth sessions :

- **September 18** - Chapters 8 -12.
- **September 25** - Chapters 13-16.

The sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. and are held in Fellowship Hall.

### All Church Bible Challenge:

The letter of I Peter (5 Chapters Long). Each week there will be study notes for each Chapter in the Sunday bulletin.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 - Crystal Smith
- 2 - Aileen Crafton
- 2 - Tyson Davis
- 9 - Ray Winner
- 10 - Marceil Horn
- 24 - Don Murray
- 25 - Maydell Howard
- 25 - Bernie Slaven
- 26 - Mark Conover
- 27 - Bonnye Sulak

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 5 - Larry and Pat Scruggs
- 13 - Don and Billie Murray



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**Thank You Notes, Announcements, Updates, Church Attendance and Treasury Report**

**ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!**



**Thanks So Much**

A simple act of kindness has a beauty all its own.

“I want to thank everyone for their prayers, all the great phone calls and all of the wonderful cards.

I am having more trouble walking because of my hip. My foot surgery was a little minor.

I do hope that I can make it next Sunday.  
Thank You for your kindness.”

**Joan Roberts**

*Thank You*

To: Oaks Christian Church

I would just like to take this time to thank all of you for your love and your support thus far through out my educational journey. I know I will continue to have your devoted love and support as I finish up another mile-stone. I will indeed miss my Dear Kiddos! Whenever I'm in town I will visit Oaks C.C. Thank you. **Necy Washington**



An afternoon of **Celebrating God's Love through Mission and Fellowship** on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Come at noon and help with the Free Meal Saturday. At 2:30 adults and children will go to their respective classes. At 4:00 p.m. we will come back together for a light supper and the afternoon will close with communion.

Spread the word and come and join us!

**Barb Scantlin**



October 30, 2011 Oaks will again have **Trunk or Treat**. If you would like to provide your trunk please let Barb Scantlin know. It will be from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Hot Dogs will be served and the children can watch the movie, “Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown.”

**Barb Scantlin**

**Search Team Update**

I want to give the congregation an update on the activities of the Search Team and our hope for 2012. We have all enjoyed the blessing that God has sent us in Pastor Linda. Her back to the basics approach has given us all new energy and strengthened our faith in God and each other. The team has used this energy to fuel our search for a new Senior Minister.

The team has met seven times since the beginning of the summer. We have been in contact with the Moderator of the Coastal Plains Area and the Regional Minister to give us guidance through this process. Our next big step is the completion of our “package” that will be presented to prospective ministers. Our package will include the traditional congregational profile but we are adding much more information such as:

- A video showing the ministries of Oaks, our facility and the neighborhood
- The data gathered at the all church listening session
- Articles about Oak Forest from area newspapers
- A statement of hope and vision for Oaks

We plan on having the package completed by the first or second week in October. If it is God's will, we could have a new minister in place during the first quarter of 2012.

The team lost a great member when Kathryn Whitley moved to Austin but she has been replaced by another very capable person her mom, Pat. If you have questions or concerns about the process, please contact any member of the search team. We ask all members of Oaks to pray daily for God to bless us with the leader of His choosing.

**Bob Simons, Pulpit Committee Chairman**

**August Church Attendance Report**

Attendance for the Month of August	Sunday School	Church Attendance
August 7, 2011	14	51
August 14, 2011	14	57
August 21, 2011	16	58
August 28, 2011	16	51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>217</b>

**From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake**

Operating Account 2011	June	July	August
Deposits	\$7,628.83	\$7,471.70	Next Issue
Disbursements	(\$10,522.18)	(10,489.67)	Next Issue
Difference	(\$2,893.35)	(\$3012.97)	Next Issue

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### FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

**Billie Murray  
(281) 448-1667**

#### **Items Needed:**

Peanut butter,  
can or powdered milk,  
can soup, spaghetti or  
noodles, can meat and  
can potatoes.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**



### **Prayer Circle**

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

**Everyone Welcome!**

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With  
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### **Board Happenings -**

**Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

**There will be a General Board Meeting, September 11,  
2011 after church service. There will be NO Executive  
Board Meeting for the month of September.**

**Thank you.**